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MASSACHUSETTS MAN PLEADS TO CRACK CHARGE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE--United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire Tom Colantuono, Somersworth Police Chief Dean Crombie, and United States Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, announce that Ahmad Shakur of Roxbury, Massachusetts, pleaded guilty today in federal court in Concord, New Hampshire, before United States District Court Chief Judge Paul Barbadoro, to a charge of possession with intent to distribute "crack" cocaine.

Shakur was arrested in Somersworth on April 30, 2003, and has been held without bail since that time. A sentencing hearing has been set for February 20, 2004, before Chief Judge Barbadoro.

United States Attorney Colantuono thanked the Somersworth Police and the DEA for their extraordinary efforts in the case. He also extended his appreciation to the Portsmouth Police for their assistance in the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Howard